

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

Claims 35-44 are currently being cancelled.

Claim 34 is currently being amended.

Claims 45-52 are currently being added

This amendment adds, cancels and amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 34 and 45-52 are now pending in this application.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action mailed May 17, 2005, claim 43 was objected to, whereby the Office Action indicated that claim 43 would be allowed if amended to place that claim in independent form. By way of this amendment and reply, base claim 34 has been amended to include the features of claim 34, as well as the features of its intervening claim 35. Accordingly, claim 34 is now in allowable form based on the indications made in the Office Action.

New Claims:

New claims 45-52 have been added to recite the present invention from a different perspective, whereby these claims are believed to distinguish over the art cited in the Office Action mailed May 17, 2005.

Conclusion:

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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